

## Letter from Joseph F. Green to Juliana Reynolds, January 2, 1863

Camp near Falmouth Jan 2<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dearest Friend,

I received a letter from you at last. It Surprised me very much when I opened it and found it was from you for I came to the conclusion you had forgotten your old friend Jo. Your letter was dated Nov the 3<sup>rd</sup> [sic] So it is just a month old to day but I tell you it was as interesting to me as though it was onley 2 days old. It has been a long time Since I have written to you but I hope it will never be so long between times a gan. You must excuse me for not writing Sooner for the las[t] letter I wrote I never got any answer to it So I thought I would not write a gan untill I would find out what was wrong. But I find your letters was lost So I cant blame you for not writing but I am Sorry that I did not write to you long a go. Well I guess I have Said a nough a bout this So I will try and tell you how we arr getting a long.

Well we are trying to get a long the best we can and I tell you that is poor a nough. The troops all Seem to be discouraged Since the last battle at Fredericksburgh. I tell you they hadent better ever take this army back to Alexandria or they will all dirsert and go home. I dont see what our government is a doing. I Should think they could See Something. There is one thing Shure that is we can never whip the South by fighting neither can we Settle this war by fighting. Well I wont Say much a bout the war for I am sick and tiard of the luck we have had. We are not any nearder Richmond now than we was 16 month a go and look at the battles we have fought and the men we have lost. I tell you it is not very incourageing for us to fight and get licked evry time.

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Yesterday was newyears and I tell you it was a dry one. We couldent get even a cigar to smoke after eating our hard tack and coffee. I am in the company now but I have not got able for duty yet but I am getting better pretty fast. Tilton and me was over to the 148 Regt and Spent part of a day with Peter Shannon and the rest of the boys. There is a review to day out Regt has just gon[e] out. We was mustered out for pay the last day of Dec probibly we will get it in the course of 2 or 3 weeks. If we dont get it then the lord only knows when we will get it. There is Some talk of us mooving. I wish they would moove out of hear for it is a very Sickly place and wood and water is very unhandy. Poor Tapper had to die at last. It must of went hard with his family to part with him So Soon after he got home but we have all got to die some time sooner or later. I should have liked very well to of Spent Christmass and new year in Reynoldsville but it was imposible for me to do so. I do wish this cruel war was over So we could all return to our homes. Tilton is well he is Still clerking for the ajt yet. The weather is very fine now but a little cold nights. Well I have told you a bout all I can think of So I will be oblige to bring my Short letter to a close hoping to hear from you Soon. I think the letters will come now without getting lost. You will please Remember me to Thomas and all the children. Also give my kind respects to your mother as her and I used to have Some big old times milking the cows. I wish I could write a letter like you then I could fill this sheet and not half try. But I cant So I will haft to close by bidding you once more a kind a dieu and as ever remain your affectionate Friend till death.

Joseph F. Green

[P.S.] To Mrs Juliana Reynolds

PS Please excuse all mistakes and bad writing

Good by please write soon to your friend Jo